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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Proposed Vault in Senate Office Building

This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for approval of the Director of Central Intelligence. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 4.

1. In reviewing Colonel Edwards' memorandum of 12 December 1957, it seems clear that more adequate safekeeping facilities are necessary. However, I question the wisdom of offering to do this for the Senate at our expense.

2. The present situation does raise the general question of safekeeping facilities for classified material on Capitol Hill generally. It seems highly desirable and appropriate to raise this general question with the office of the President of the Senate, pointing out the types of safeguards that are used by this Agency as well as Defense Department and other agencies and suggesting that at least equivalent physical facilities should be maintained at the Congress. We could certainly offer technical advice and assistance.

3. The Johnson Subcommittee hearings could be used as an example of extremely sensitive information from CIA and the Department of Defense being concentrated and, therefore, representing a prime target. Under these circumstances it is likely that the office of the President of the Senate and of the Speaker of the House would welcome our bringing it to their attention. There is some precedent in connection with the office of Vice President Nixon where a few years ago we provided some briefing and several safes.

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4. This matter has been discussed with Colonel Edwards and Colonel White and both of them agree with making the general approach. I would recommend that we start exploring the matter through the fortuitous circumstance of Mr. Charles K. McWhorter, Legislative Assistant to the Vice President, coming to the Agency for lunch on Thursday with Mr. Kirkpatrick and myself among others.

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JOHN S. WARNER
Legislative Counsel

The recommendation in paragraph
4 is approved.

Signed

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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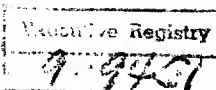
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12 DEC 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Proposed Vault in Senate Office Building

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation submitted for DCI approval. Such recommendation is contained in paragraph 6.

2. Recently, Mr. Warner, Office of the General Counsel, requested my office to contact Mr. Daniel McGillicuddy, Senate Preparedness Subcommittee, Room 1016, House Owners Loan Corporation Building, Washington, D. C., and to provide Mr. McGillicuddy with whatever security guidance and support he desired prior to your appearance before the Subcommittee. A representative of my staff visited Mr. McGillicuddy and in his company reviewed the physical security features, including a technical inspection, of the space assigned to the Subcommittee in the HOLL Building.

3. Inspection of the premises revealed that all offices, except one, had doors which opened into the main tenth floor corridor. The upper sections of these doors were translucent glass and the lower sections were lowered. Consequently, it was possible to overhear office conversations in the corridor.

The building did have a PHS Guard coverage. However, it was deemed inadequate by both Mr. McGillicuddy and my representative.

4. During the review, Mr. McGillicuddy stated that he intended to utilize a Shaw Walker safe to store TOP SECRET material, and he was advised that the Shaw Walker safe was not generally approved for such material.

5. When the aforementioned physical security problems were pointed out to Mr. McGillicuddy, he requested assistance and advice. Accordingly, my office provided the Subcommittee with an approved Herring-Hall-Marvin safe, two (2) small radios to minimize the possibility of classified conversations being overheard in the corridor, and guidance on standard office security procedures and practices.

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6. It is my opinion that sensitive CIA material should not be secured in the HOLC Building, and it is recommended that a small vault (size: 9'x9'; approximate cost: \$4,500) be constructed in the Senate Office Building for the purpose of providing adequate protection for classified Agency material given to the Senate Preparedness Subcommittee. This vault could be used to fulfill the future storage needs of this Agency when it is called upon to furnish classified material to the Congress. Precedence in this regard appears to have been established by the presence of an ABC vault in the Capitol Building.

SHERFIELD REWARDS
Director of Security

CONCURRENCE:

Deputy Director (Support)

Date

The recommendation in paragraph 6
is approved.

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signed by DCI 19 Dec 57.

Director of Central Intelligence

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